CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

Updated Waste Discharge Requirements and a Cease and Desist Order for

Sacramento Rendering Companies Rancho Cordova Rendering Plant Sacramento County

Sacramento Rendering Companies (Discharger) owns and operates a rendering plant in Rancho Cordova. The Discharger has applied for updated waste discharge requirements to allow increased flows resulting from operational changes and new air emissions control equipment. Staff's analysis finds that designated waste is being discharged to unlined ponds, that waste of excessive strength is being discharged to irrigated pasture, that groundwater appears impacted from past discharges, and that storm water runoff appears to contain waste components. Therefore, the companion Cease and Desist Order provides a timeline for specific technical studies and facility improvements such that the Discharger will be in full compliance with water quality regulations by August 2009.

An **informal** public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Regional Board meeting which is scheduled for:

DATE: 28/29 November 2005

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Persons wishing to comment on this noticed informal hearing item must submit evidence, if any, or comments in writing to the Regional Board no later than 21 November 2005. Written evidence or comments submitted after 21 November 2005 will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

All interested persons may speak at the Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

An objection by a party, either in writing or at the time of the hearing, to the decision to hold an **informal** hearing shall be resolved by the Board Chair before going ahead under the informal procedure. Failure to make a timely objection to the use of informal hearing procedures before those procedures are used will constitute consent to an informal hearing.

Anyone having questions on the proposed Waste Discharge Requirements and Cease and Desist Order should contact Anne Olson at (916) 464-4740. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Regional Board's Internet website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative/. Copies of these documents can also be

obtained by contacting or visiting the Regional Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m..

The procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and is available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_laws/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_meetings/mtgprocd.html or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

Original signed by

Jack E. Del Conte, Assistant Executive Officer

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